

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 51

13 December 1949

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton
Mr. Lydman
* Dr. Kirk
* Mr. Fletcher
Lt. Col. Ruwet
** Lt. Col. Kiel
Dr. Debevoise
Cdr. Howell
Lt. Cdr. Nutt
Lt. Col. Wade

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* Chairman of Revisory Subcommittees for
Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political).

** Prospective relief of Lt. Col. Ruwet as
Army member on the NIS Committee.

2. The Chairman was requested to inform the Committee at its next meeting regarding the disaster plan for NIS:

- a. Number of copies of NIS to be maintained for disaster plan purposes.
- b. Place where these copies will be stored.
- c. What portion of the reserve stock of NIS will be set aside for disaster plan purposes.

3. It was pointed out that changes in dissemination requirements for NIS complicate procedures in printing and file maintenance; that, once requirements have been lowered, it will be difficult to satisfy new increased requirements without depleting reserve stock; and that, hence, it is most desirable to maintain requirements firm. Should requests for increased requirements be received, the increase will take effect only with regard to publications forthcoming after the date of the request. Navy and Air Force have requested lowering of requirements. The Army member stated that Army requirements remain unchanged. The State member is to reexamine State requirements and report to D/NIS whether or not they have changed. When all requests for changes have been received, they will be consolidated and put into effect.

4. Decision was not reached relative to action to be taken on collection and maintenance in the field for certain portions of [REDACTED]. The 25X6A matter will be considered further at the next meeting.

5. Inquiry was made about the publication status of Chapter VIII (Armed Forces) of NIS 26 (USSR). It was pointed out that there is urgent user demand for this chapter. Reply was to the effect that the exceptional volume of this chapter and the exceptional amount of graphics, including color work, had required a longer than usual period for processing, but that every effort will be made to expedite its publication.

6. Revisions of Standard Instructions for Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political) were discussed and returned to the revisory subcommittees for certain recommended changes. Subcommittees are to take action and return the chapters to the NIS Committee at the earliest practicable date.

7. The Army member distributed copies of the revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter VIII (Armed Forces). This revision will be discussed, along with revisions of Chapters II (Military Geography) and III (Transportation and Telecommunications) if they will have been received back from the subcommittees, at the next meeting.

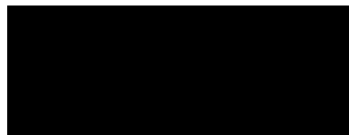
8. The State member stated that the revision of Chapter VI (Economic) is still in progress. He said that he would try to have this revision ready for distribution at the next meeting.

9. The Chairman stated that discussions were in progress with OSI regarding the revision of the outline and outline guide for Chapter VII (Scientific) and the organization and functioning of the new NIS Chapter VII Subcommittee.

10. The Chairman proposed that the revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal), already tentatively approved by the Committee, be altered so as to permit inclusion of recommendations in Section 91 of NIS Maps which can be appraised in Section 92. The proposal was adopted.

11. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 1000 hours on Tuesday, 20 December, at CIA.

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